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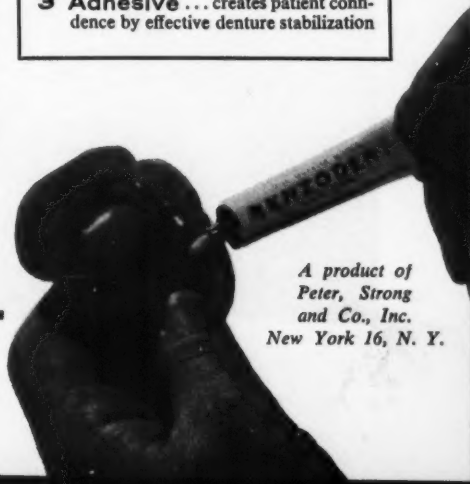
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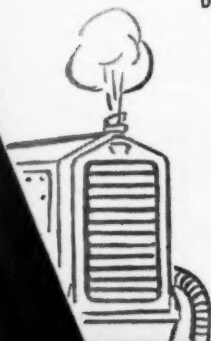
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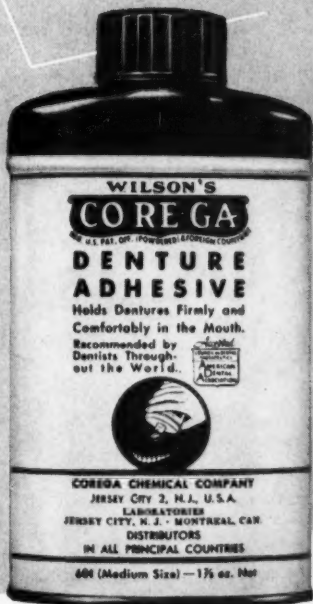
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THE *President's* PAGE

"May We Present Your New President, Bessie Peterson"

Dear Members:



In this, my first message to you as your President, I wish to extend sincere greetings to you, and to thank each of you personally for your expression of confidence in electing me to serve as your President. I am very happy and proud to have the privilege of serving in this the highest office of our Association. I am also very much aware of the responsibilities of this office and I will put forth every effort to carry out its duties to the best of my ability. You have elected a very fine staff of officers to serve with me and we enlist the cooperation and support of every member in order that we may have another year of progress.

With our thirty-first annual meeting in San Francisco just concluded, it is a little difficult to settle back into a normal every day routine. Thoughts keep taking us back to that warm, friendly meeting with its serious and inspiring sessions, and the lovely, gay social affairs which we enjoyed together. I am sure those of you who were present must share this same feeling. It was a very fine meeting and the attendance was the largest in the history of our organization.

I wish to express the appreciation of every member to our hostess society, and our Official Hostess, Eleventh District Trustee, Mary Ann Whalley, to the Convention Arrangements Committee Chairman, Nancy Conens, to Virginia Mieger, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, and Helen Eaton, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, for the arrangement of the meeting and for the wonderful time enjoyed by all those privileged to attend.

To our retiring President, Ruth Doring, and her Board of Trustees go our sincere thanks for the splendid direction of our Association during the past year.

Our theme for the year 1955-56 is to be OPPORTUNITY. We all have an OPPORTUNITY to take an active part in our organization, sharing the responsibilities and enjoying the benefits derived from membership in local societies, State and National Associations. Throughout the year there will be many opportunities for each of us to better serve the profession of which we are a part, if we watch for and make the most of each OPPORTUNITY.

Since the next time I visit with you through these pages, the Holiday Season will have come and gone, I wish to take this opportunity to say, MERRY CHRISTMAS, and a wonderful year to each one of you.

Sincerely,

BESSIE L. PETERSON, President

"Our Forward Look"

At this meeting we can look back over the years as though we had traveled a path towards the top of a mountain and reached one of the lesser peaks where we can pause and view the way we have come. If it had not been for the vision and EFFORT of all those who have preceded us we would not be here to-day enjoying what has already been accomplished. But the trail still leads onward and forward and the summit still looms ahead.

The very beginnings of our nation was born of vision and the forward look. Its development, its progress, its strength, and its achievements depend on each generation. So it is with the American Dental Assistants Association. As members we must accept the challenge of the times and use each year's theme as a stimulant that should result in vigorous action and positive accomplishment. For inspiration we can reach back into the past for examples of courage, integrity, the spirit and the participation of our older members so that we may look forward to meet the needs of the day.

Let us face it, progress is here to stay, but not in one place. It is ever advancing. The modern dental assistant has no quarrel with this. She knows that ordinary knowledge is expected of her but she must also realize that expanding her skills and her knowledge is a decided advantage. To the busy dental assistant, usually pressed for time and vitally in need of putting her best foot forward every day, it is an absolute MUST. She cannot do this occasionally or in a hit or miss fashion, for the day she misses might well be the one which will be most important. Perhaps unknowingly she then becomes the object of criticism or unfavorable scrutiny. It only takes a little new knowledge each day to stimulate a fresh, healthy outlook and insure the staying powers of our thinking but we must make the EFFORT.

It is not up to certain individuals to carry on. If our Association is to succeed everyone of us must take some mental vitamins to obtain a sound forward look. First we must consider our friends who help build our character and keep it firm. Then comes self respect; a pleasing appearance and an engaging smile along with the knowledge that we have the ability to do our best. Usefulness is another source of mental vitamin. Without it a person can become selfish and dry. No matter how hard we work with our minds we also need to do some work with our hands to conserve our vitality. Our life blood is lost if we do not derive some fun from our work as well as our play. We become automatons instead of personalities. The vitamin content of the personal freedom in our thinking and doing must be considered both for ourselves and for others, for we must not destroy our own or another's self confidence or morale. Cooperation with, and consideration of our fellowmen will aid in building healthy minds. Last, but far from least, is faith in God. Lacking faith in God we have no love of mankind or faith in ourselves. THESE then are our mental vitamins which will contribute to a healthy, sound Association.

May we move FORWARD in the confidence that as individuals and as members we have a contribution to make. May our societies in every part of our nation take seriously and consistently those things which bestow a feeling of well being to ourselves, our employers, our neighbors and friends, our community and our nation. In so doing we shall fulfill our specific obligation to promote the aims and purposes of our Association and further the interest and needs of dental assistants everywhere by our FORWARD LOOK. Thus the path towards the summit ascends.

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A CONVENTION

In the Golden West

REPORT OF THE A.D.A.A. 31st SESSION

By VIOLET L. CROWLEY

It was in a glamorous, air-conditioned city, often referred to as the romantic last stop on the very shores of the Pacific, that the largest number of ADA A members ever assembled met for the association's thirty-first annual convention, October 17-20. This fascinating city, which bears the Spanish name of San Francisco, and nestles on the shores of the Pacific, literally became the dental capital of the nation for a week, as thousands gathered there for a record attendance of a convention of the ADA and its allied groups.

Of primary importance to the ADA A members there was the conducting of the association's business. Nevertheless, we suspect that every one who had come was keenly aware of the fact that convention city this year offered an opportunity to see and do many things a bit unusual, and that each one fully intended to use every minute free from duty in so doing.

Some were eager to explore the historic shrines and monuments reminiscent of the Golden Age; to learn more about the

San Francisco of yesterday; to view the scars left by the big earthquake and fire that burned the city almost to the ground in 1906; to wander along the waterfront that Jack London loved so well; to visit the scene of old Barbary Coast—wicked, but to some, wonderful; to wander through the streets of Chinatown, recalling the stories of yesteryear about the tong wars, the killing by hatchet men, and the opium dens. Yes, if the visitor likes history and enjoys recalling the stories of happenings of by-gone days this city could provide some thrillers.

Others preferred to by-pass the story of San Francisco in the early days, and learn as much as possible about the San Francisco of today. They, too, found a fertile field for their imagination and to satisfy their urge for adventure and excitement.

Their first stop was probably the Top of the Mark to get a view of the city that stretches for miles around, covering the hills and valleys below. A view especially beautiful at night, one minute sparkling with a million lights from the city, the next minute blurred by the vaporous mixture called fog that envelops the sky over and about the city. San Franciscoans claim that their city is the only one that dares enter a two-fisted fight for the fog supremacy of the world with London, and makes no apologies for this "soup," as London's is often referred to; instead they say it has style, variety and quality, and this reporter is inclined to agree. If you like fog—this is it at its best. These lovers of the new and modern must have been thrilled as they viewed the skyscrapers that push up from the San Francisco hills into the sky; as they visited the beautiful clubs and hotels that have long since replaced the palaces of the railroad and mining barons; as they viewed the array of miles and miles of smaller homes that dot the hills in and around the city, replacing the old mansions on Nob Hill, only a few of which remain.

For those interested in a gastronomical

tour—this was the piece-de-resistance of all American cities. Here you can visit a different restaurant and eat a different type of food almost every day in the year. This city boasts of more than 200 excellent restaurants, each with quality chefing, smooth service, and a variety of prices. And it further boasts that you will find less gyping, less extortion, and less cheating of customers in San Francisco restaurants than in other cities of similar sizes.

The after-dark spots also offer a wide variety of entertainment to satisfy every appetite. Entertainment ranges from the best in opera and symphony to the spots where you can let your hair down, dance until dawn, if you like, to the strains of soft music or "jive"; watch the shows that in some places go on until dawn; see entertainment by from top-notch performers to the characters. Whatever your appetite for food or entertainment—San Francisco had it.

Those who saved their dimes for a shopping spree in convention city had a field day also. A mere glance at the shop windows and the ladies on the street explains why San Francisco women are said to have that well groomed and highly fashionable look. San Francisco residents claim this is due to ingenuity, smart and timely shopping and planning, and the climate, but this reporter strongly suspects it takes a little "long green" to complete the picture. (A personal observation: the male inhabitants take no back seat to their ladies insofar as a snappy appearance is concerned!)

Yes, it was a big meeting for all the groups that met in San Francisco that week in the interest of promoting the dental health program of America. We gained the impression, from listening and watching, that not all was fun and frivolity, but that all groups gathered there, which totaled 14,741 in number, considered the results of their sessions most gratifying and worthwhile. The ADAA

made up the number in excess of 14,000; our registration being 741—a record attendance.

The hostess society went all out to arrange social events that were outstanding. We were warmly welcomed and lavishly entertained throughout the meeting. The easy air of "glad you've come" continued from the minute we arrived until the last good-byes were spoken. In jostling hotel lobbies and at hostess society planned gatherings friends were united and reunited—we had returned to the scene of our 25th anniversary meeting grown up—and still growing—high spirited and enthusiastic about the future of our ADAA.

And so, to the California and eleventh district members we say, "Thank you for inviting us to be your guests for an exciting week in your romantic, cool, classy and cosmopolitan City of San Francisco.

Every visitor was surely aware of the time and energy that went into the arrangements of the convention. From the moment we registered when you "pinned" every delegate and officer with the clever cable car pins, designed and made by your members, and extended your warm welcomes with your hearty hellos, until the time of our departure we enjoyed your splendid hospitality. In behalf of all your visitors I am sure I can say, "We are glad we were there".

The House of Delegates Sessions

It is difficult to believe that any group, meeting in San Francisco October 17-20, gave more concentrated and practical attention to the conducting of business and administrative affairs of its association than did the Officers and Delegates of the American Dental Assistants Association. Seven officers, eleven trustees, and one-hundred-sixty-two delegates were registered. Very few were unaccounted for when the time and occasion to voice opinions and vote on matters of business presented itself. The ADAA now has a membership of over 8,200, and is divided into eleven districts with fifty-one state affiliated groups.

The Board of Trustees had been in session several times prior to the opening delegate's session—setting the stage for the days to follow. No doubt the reviewing of the past year's accomplishments and the planning of operations for the year to come was done with seriousness of thought and purpose. The past year had been a fruitful one; the meeting brought a record attendance; the membership had reached an all time high in numbers; a number of new local societies had been organized, and enthusiasm and interest

was at its peak level—there must not be a let down—not even the slightest pause in the forward march. The ADAA Wheel of Progress was rolling—every shoulder to the wheel to hasten its speed ahead!

Our top executive, President Ruth Doring, was magnificent in the direction of the affairs of the official family. She was generous in her praise of the Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairman for the manner in which they had so efficiently executed their duties the past year, and steadfast in her confidence that the new Executive Board would direct the association's affairs most efficiently in the year to come.

It was obvious that Ruth's chosen theme EFFORT was a fitting choice indeed. Everywhere there was evidence that every Officer, Trustee and Committee Chairman, and many members not so designated, had put forth a special effort to make the year that had just passed another successful one.

In the four days we spent in San Francisco four House of Delegates sessions were held. The following is a resume of the actions of this House of Delegates.



THE OFFICERS' TABLE

First Session

Called to order Monday, October 17, at 1:40 p.m. by President Ruth Doring. The Parliamentary, Mrs. Kilbourn, was introduced, and spoke a few words of greeting to the members. The Official Program, presented by Program Chairman Bessie Peterson, was adopted. Reference Committees, as appointed were announced: Credentials Committee, Chairman, Elma Troutman, General Secretary. Recommendations Committee: Chairman, LeVeta Lehn, Nebraska; Ruth Maine and Rose McIlvanie of Southern California. Resolutions Committee: Chairman, Marion Small, Arizona; Nancy Conens, Northern California; Mary Haney, Nebraska. Elections Committee: Chairman, Lois Kryger, Washington; Gertrude Carhart, New York; Loma Meeds, Colorado. Tellers: 1st District, Florence Viens, Rhode Island; 2nd District, Marianne Call, New York; 3rd District, Ramona Amon, Ohio; 4th District, Mildred Shumate, Georgia; 5th District, Marline Cromley, Southern California; 6th District, Florence Martin, Wisconsin; 7th District, Gertrude Naumann, Nebraska; 8th District, Kathryn Goller, Missouri; 9th District, Syble Prescott, Oregon; 10th District, Artella Turley, Utah; 11th District, Inger Urban, Southern California.

Awards Committee: Chairman, Mae

Collins, Missouri; Jean Snyder, Pennsylvania; Billie Ruth Noack, Arizona.

Nominating Committee, 1956 (elected by the Board of Trustees): Lois Kryger, Washington, and LeVeta Lehn, Nebraska, representing the Board of Trustees. From the House of Delegates: Alberta Reed, Ohio; Dorothy Faulk, Texas; Alice Eder, New Jersey.

The preliminary report of the Credentials Committee indicated registration to that time was 595.

President Doring explained that there was a change from the usual order of business this year. Reports of the ADA Officers and Committee Chairmen had been mimeographed and distributed to the delegates when registering. This was done in order to save time for other business, and in hopes that the Delegates could read these later and gain a clearer picture of the year's activities to present fuller reports to their societies upon their return home. It appeared that this was well received by the Delegates.

Lillian Hoffman, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the proposed general fund budget to the house for consideration and study (A vote was to be taken on the budget at a later meeting.) Helen Searles, Chairman of the 1955 Nominating Committee presented the nominees for the offices



of President-elect, First, Second and Third Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer and the nominees for members of the Certification Board. Qualifications of each candidate were read as she was introduced. The Nominating Committee's report as read was printed in the September-October issue of *The Journal*, and therefore we will not include it in this resume of business sessions.

Second Session

Called to order Tuesday the 18th at 2:15 p.m. by President Doring. Second report of the Credentials Committee; total registration at this time, 736.

Announcement was made by the General Secretary of the members elected by the Board of Trustees as follows:

ADAA STANDING COMMITTEES ELECTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Education Committee—Sadie L. Hadley, Chairman (Mass.) (2-year terms);

Ruth V. Doring, (N. J.); Gladys Triphahn, (Ill.) Remaining on committee for another year. Aileen Ferguson, Mass.; Grace Browning, Ala.; and the Chairman Certification Board.

By-Laws Committee: Chairman, Nita Browning, Utah (term expires in 1957); Eula Mae West (term expires in 1956); (new member to serve for 3 years) Anzaretta Lindsey, Iowa.

Clinics and Exhibits Committee: Chairman, Ruth Asp, Minn. (1 more year); (2-year terms) Sally Cochran, Penna.; Corinne Hammond, Texas; Jeanne Ostermier, Ill. Remaining on committee for one more year, Mae Bissell, No. Calif.

Membership Committee: Chairman, Nell Prothero, Fla. 1st District, Mary Samra, Mass.; 2nd District, Eldora Moore, N. Y.; 3rd District, Betty Bell, Penna.; 4th District, Betsey McCasky, Ala.; 5th District, Bernice Turley, W. Va.; 6th District, Cora Mae Otzelberger, Wisc.; 7th

District, Merle Andrews, S. Dak.; 8th District, Dorothy Jennings, Mo.; 9th District, Doris Arisman, Idaho; 10th District, Virginia Norton, Colo.; 11th District, Inger Urben, S. Calif.

Pin Committee: Chairman, Yolandi Solari, N. Calif. 1st District, Jan Duff, Conn.; 2nd District, Barbara Cunningham, N. J.; 3rd District, Kay Buckmaster, Ohio; 4th District, Edna Johnson, La.; 5th District, Lorraine Easterby, S. C.; 6th District, LaVerne Renfro, Mich.; 7th District, Anna Wurm, Neb.; 8th District, Janice Jacobson, Okla.; 9th District, Dorothea Wasell, Wash.; 10th District, Elizabeth Howard, N. Mex.; 11th District, Anna Kuffereth, Hawaii.

J.A.S. Relief Fund Committee: Chairman—a Vice-Chairman to be elected at last Board Meeting. Ruth Morgan, Neb.; Barbara Blomquist, Mass.; Betty Wood, Ind., ADAA Treasurer.

J.A.S. Scholarship Fund Committee: Chairman—a Vice-President to be elected at last Board Meeting. Mary Haney, Neb.; (past-president), ADAA Treasurer.

Public Relations Committee: Chairman—a Vice-President to be elected at last Board Meeting. Editor of *The Dental Assistant Journal*, ADAA General Secretary. Oriett Clark, Iowa; Harriet Turner, Ill.; Billie Berg, Oregon.

Judicial and Legislation Committee: Chairman, Marie Johnson (1956), Wisc. Remaining on Committee for 1956, Rosalie Polzer, S. Calif.; Jane Stuart, Washington, D. C.; new members, 2-year terms, Ann White, Texas; June Visant, Miss., ADAA General Secretary.

Past President's Council Committee on Life Members: Chairman, Helen Fitting, Katie McConnell, Marie Shaw.

Historian: Marie Johnson, Wisc.

Budget and Finance Committee: (1-year terms): Chairman, Lillian Hoffman, Bessie Peterson, Elma Troutman, Harriett Darling, Mary Haney.

The Recommendations Committee presented mimeographed lists of the recommendations to be considered by the House of Delegates. These were read, discussed

and voted on one at a time. The recommendations and action taken by the House of Delegates is as follows:

From President Doring—

THAT we continue a strenuous membership campaign; that the Membership Contest close on July 15th, 1956, and the following prizes be awarded:

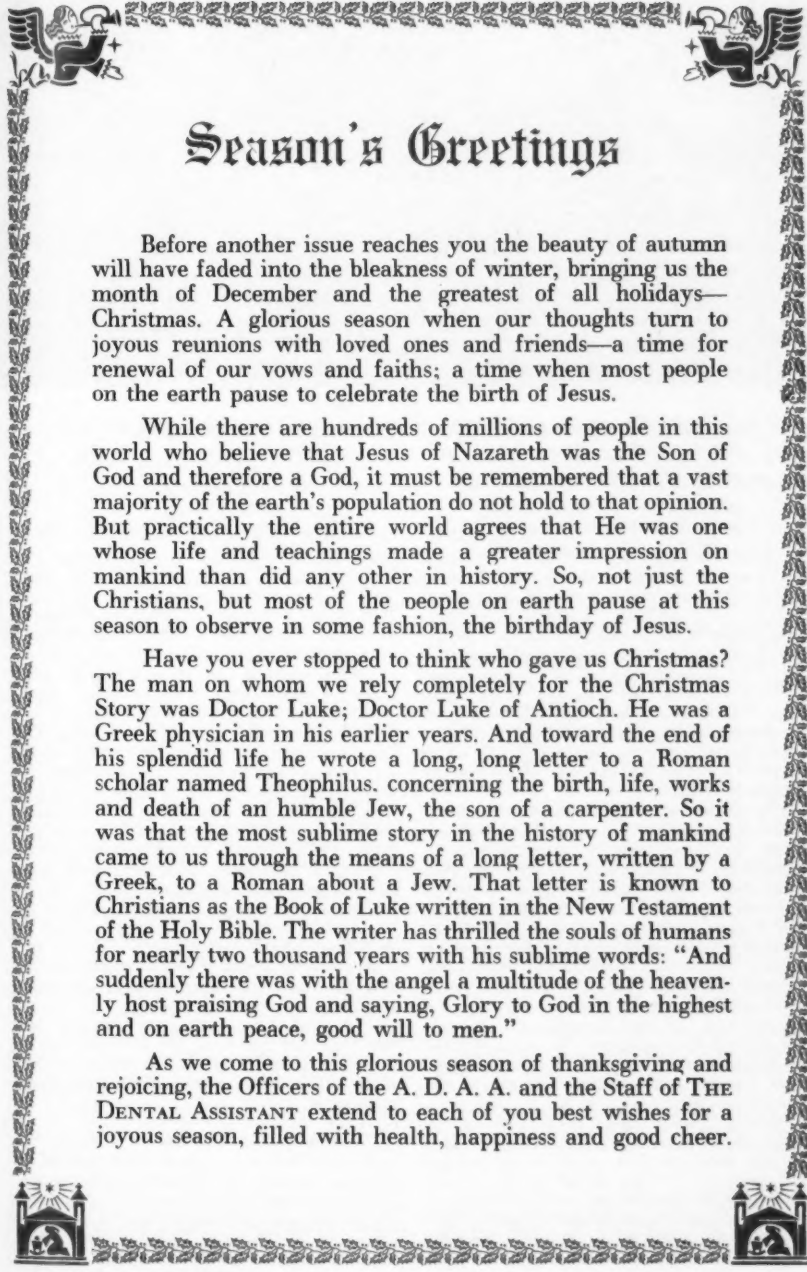
1. \$25.00 cash prize to the Association in Class I having the largest percentage increase. (Class I—having less than 50 members at closing date of previous year.)
 2. \$50.00 cash prize to the Association in Class II having the largest percentage increase. (Class II—having 50 to 100 members at closing date of previous year.)
 3. \$75.00 cash prize to the Association in Class III having the largest percentage increase. (Class III—having 100-200 members at closing date of previous year.)
 4. \$100.00 cash prize to the Association in Class IV having the largest percentage increase. (Class IV—having more than 200 members at closing date of previous year.)
- Committee approved. Motion to accept, carried.

From General Secretary Troutman—
THAT all Local Societies arrange the election of their officers at the last business meeting before summer adjournment (May or June), and forward the change immediately to Central Office, that a complete Directory of Officers may be compiled before they reconvene in the fall. Committee approved. Motion to accept carried.

From the J.A.S. Scholarship Fund Committee—
THAT Rules Nos. 2, 3, 4 for judging scholarship applications be changed as submitted.

Rule No. 2. Applicants must be an ADAA Student Member in an approved school of dental assisting, of one or two years, judged so by the ADAA. Applicants must have completed their first

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Season's Greetings

Before another issue reaches you the beauty of autumn will have faded into the bleakness of winter, bringing us the month of December and the greatest of all holidays—Christmas. A glorious season when our thoughts turn to joyous reunions with loved ones and friends—a time for renewal of our vows and faiths; a time when most people on the earth pause to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

While there are hundreds of millions of people in this world who believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God and therefore a God, it must be remembered that a vast majority of the earth's population do not hold to that opinion. But practically the entire world agrees that He was one whose life and teachings made a greater impression on mankind than did any other in history. So, not just the Christians, but most of the people on earth pause at this season to observe in some fashion, the birthday of Jesus.

Have you ever stopped to think who gave us Christmas? The man on whom we rely completely for the Christmas Story was Doctor Luke; Doctor Luke of Antioch. He was a Greek physician in his earlier years. And toward the end of his splendid life he wrote a long, long letter to a Roman scholar named Theophilus. concerning the birth, life, works and death of an humble Jew, the son of a carpenter. So it was that the most sublime story in the history of mankind came to us through the means of a long letter, written by a Greek, to a Roman about a Jew. That letter is known to Christians as the Book of Luke written in the New Testament of the Holy Bible. The writer has thrilled the souls of humans for nearly two thousand years with his sublime words: "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men."

As we come to this glorious season of thanksgiving and rejoicing, the Officers of the A. D. A. A. and the Staff of THE DENTAL ASSISTANT extend to each of you best wishes for a joyous season, filled with health, happiness and good cheer.





THE ROLE OF THE DENTAL ASSISTANT IN MEETING THE INCREASED DEMANDS FOR DENTAL SERVICE

DR. LON W. MORREY, *Editor*
Journal, American Dental Association

As we all know public interest in dental health is very much on the increase. Dentists of today are hard put to meet the demand for their services. Dentists of tomorrow, despite the increase in the annual production of dental graduates, and despite the improvement in operative technics, will find it more than difficult to meet the demands made upon them. Therefore, dentists must graduate from the horse-and-buggy days and learn to operate with five hands—their own two plus the three auxiliaries at their disposal—of which you are most important.

I have about concluded, after visiting dental offices in almost every state in the union, that dental assistants enjoy no uniform status—professionally, economically or socially. Your status ranges from that of a menial to that of a manager—and it is in the latter category that I believe you belong. And that is the position your members should strive to attain through education, training and experience. Most of the more efficient dental offices that I have visited operate under the direction of a manager. And in most instances the manager is a capable dental assistant; the more efficient the assistant, the more efficient the management, and the more efficient the service rendered the patient.

Dentists consider members of your organization the aristocracy among dental assistants. As you continue your program to improve the education of your members, to increase their skills, as you demand higher standards of ability, as you demonstrate your worth, dentists will rely more and more heavily on your service.

DENTAL ASSISTING—A PROFESSIONAL CAREER

GLADYS COCHRAN,
Vice-President,
Ontario, Canada, Dental Nurses
Assistants Assn.

What are we getting out of Dental Assisting? Is it a professional career or just a job with a pay envelope? A good dental assistant is another brain and a second pair of hands in a well organized office.

Dental assisting, though exacting and often tiresome, carries with it responsibility, loyalty and teaching. Being a dental assistant is a very full and interesting career, for one is expected (by the dentist and the patient) to be capable of being hostess, receptionist, bookkeeper, secretary, psychologist, student of dental hygiene, and finally office manager and laboratory technician. Loyalty to your doctor and profession is also very important; loyalty is the keynote of character, and a good character is one of our finest attributes. There are few vocations that give us the opportunity to use every day the varied qualities we possess as does that of dental assisting.

There is no better security than knowledge, and knowing how to apply it to our work. New horizons and achievements can only be reached with knowledge, and with such ours will be a successful career. We will not go far astray in our busy day of dental assisting if we will be ever mindful of the Great Commandment:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God."

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

As day by day, research in all phases of dentistry reveals new fields of work, so does it set up a challenge to the dental assistant for greater energy, greater loyalty and greater regard for the wonderful profession of which we are members.

The Speakers . . . Interesting and



YOU'RE ON THE FIRST TEAM

DR. HOLLIS A. ASKEY,
Lincoln, Nebraska

You ladies wield a great deal of influence in your offices, and with your patients, and you contribute much to the smooth and successful practice of your doctor. You and your doctor form a working team, and each of you contribute an indispensable part of the success to the team.

You have chosen a vocation that has few equals in the field of human endeavor. You can contribute so much to the efficiency and the pleasant atmosphere of your offices. The skillful touch of a woman's trained hand is a necessary part of every successful practice, and I congratulate you on being on the first team in dentistry.

The fact that you have come here today in hope of obtaining information and receiving inspiration means that you are not completely satisfied with things as they are, and that tomorrow you will sincerely strive to improve that which is good and to discard and replace that which is detrimental. We all get so busy making a living that sometimes we fail to make a good life, and it is good for each of us to sort of step away and take a good look at ourselves from the patient's point of view.

Self analysis is one of the most effective means of beginning self improvement, and so, let's direct our thinking toward some methods that will help to keep the First Team really FIRST.



OUR FORWARD LOOK

RUTH DORING, *President*,
American Dental Assistants Association

(No excerpts from this address are given, as it appears in its entirety on page 8 of this issue.)

This general meeting, called to order at 9 a.m. on Monday the 17th, marked the opening of the 31st annual session. It was well attended, and the entire program, under the direction of President-elect Bessie Peterson, was a highly successful and worthwhile one.

Others on the program, whose pictures we were unable to secure for the *Journal* report, were: Dr. Bertrand Wolfson of San Francisco, who brought us a hearty and sparkling welcome in behalf of the California Dental Society; Nancy Conens, General Chairman of Arrangements, who also extended a cordial welcome to the members and guests; Joy Phillips, ADAA Third Vice-President, whose response to these words of welcome was gracious and sincere; ADAA Life Member Violet Hansen, who gave recognition to our thirty life members.

We were in entire agreement with Violet's statement, "We are all intensely proud and happy in the privilege of recognizing the Life Members of our association, whether all are in attendance at this conclave or not, and in this way according appropriate tribute to their trail-blazing precedence in loyalty and efficient service to our association, to what we call our profession—not merely a vocation—and to humanity."

In the absence from meeting of our Official Flag Lady, Helen Fitting, we were led in giving the Pledge to the Flag by Past President Evelyn Brett.

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semester's work or a three-months probation period.

Rule No. 3. Applicants are to be judged first on Scholarship (35%); second on Character (35%); third on Basic Need (20%); and lastly on Citizenship (10%).

Rule No. 4. All applicants will be required to state in writing their interest in dental assisting as their future work, and reason for applying. This is to be accompanied by three letters of reference. One from either the high school principal, or a class counselor of the school where she is studying assisting; another from a member of the American Dental Association; and the last from a reference of her own choice. A statement from the State Secretary as to the applicant's membership in ADAA must be submitted. Committee approved. Motion to accept carried.

From the Committee on Life Membership—

For Section 6 of Article IV, substitute the following: "Life Membership shall be granted to those members who have maintained active continuous membership for a period of twenty-five years. Applications for Life Membership shall be made to the Chairman of the Committee on Life Membership through the state secretaries. Proof of such continuous membership shall accompany the application if possible, otherwise the records of the Central Office shall be the basis of eligibility. No dues shall be levied on Life Members, and they shall be accorded all the privileges of active membership except a subscription to the *Dental Assistant Journal*. Membership cards of Life Members shall be so identified." Committee approved. Motion to accept carried.

From the Committee on Education—
THAT the Course of Training given in the Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia, be approved. Committee approved. Motion to accept carried.

THAT the Course of Training for Dental Assistants sponsored by the San Antonio College, San Antonio, Texas, be approved. Committee approved. Motion to accept carried.

THAT the Course of Training sponsored by the Fullerton Junior College, Fullerton, California, be approved. Committee approved. Motion to accept carried.

From the Second District Trustee—

Because the Central Office of the ADAA has prepared the "Manual of Operations," which is a splendid outline of the duties of all officers, national, state and local; I recommend that all State and Local Associations be advised to provide copies for all of their officers, to be kept on file and passed on to their successors. Committee approved. Motion to accept carried.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was postponed until the meeting on Thursday morning.

The Chairman of the By-Laws Committee Nita Browning read the proposed amendments to the ADAA By-Laws. She first read the item as it now appears in the By-Laws, then the proposed amendment, pointing out the change. They were voted on one at a time, after time being allowed for any discussion that might have been brought out.

The following is a copy of the amendments as read by the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Nita Browning.

Article IV. Section 2. Qualifications. The minimum requirements for all types of memberships shall be graduation from high school or its equivalent, etc.

Strike out "qualifications" and insert "Active Members." Strike out "all types of" and insert "active."

Article IV. Section 3. Repeal Section 3 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 3. Independent Members. In towns and cities where no society exists, assistants eligible for active membership may become Independent Members by applying to the State Secretary. Application to be accom-

panied by States Dues and the dues of this Association. Where there is no state association, assistants may apply to the Trustee of the District in which applicant resides. Application must be accompanied by annual dues of \$4.00. An eligible assistant in a community where no society exists may affiliate with any nearby society.

Article V. Add to Section 8. Education Fund. This Fund shall consist of monies received from allocation of dues and donations specified for education. It shall be used to defray expenses of the Committee on Education with the approval of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Article V. Change number of Section 8, Audit, to Section 9.

Article X, Section 7. Strike out "adoption" and insert "acceptance."

Article X, Section 8 (b). To appoint the Editor of *The Journal* and approve the *Journal* Staff selected by the Editor.

Strike out "*Journal* Staff" and insert "Business Staff."

Article X. Repeal Section 15.

Article XI. Section 6. Name and number of Standing Committees. There shall be nine standing committees.

Strike out "nine" and insert "eleven."

Add new paragraph (j). Committee on Budget and Finance.

Add new paragraph (k). Committee on Public Relations.

Article XI. Section 7 (b) last paragraph. This committee shall appoint a subcommittee on legislation, etc.

Strike out "shall" and insert "may."

Article XI. Section 8 (a). Add "The Chairman shall be a Certified Member."

Article XI. Insert as Section 16. Committee on Budget and Finance.

(a). Personnel. This committee shall be composed of five members who shall serve for a period of one year. These members shall be: The President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, and two members who have served in one of these offices.

(b). Duties: It shall be the duty of this committee: To supervise and act in an advisory capacity to the Treasurer, employees of the Central Office, and any others handling the financial affairs of the Association.

To present to the House of Delegates a budget for the ensuing year.

To make necessary adjustments in the budget between annual sessions, using the approved percentages.

To have approval of the Board of Trustees for any expenditures not included in the budget.

To recommend the proper allocation of dues to the General Fund and the *Journal* Fund.

To give an annual report to the House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees.

Article XI. Insert as Section 17. Committee on Public Relations. (a) Personnel. This committee shall be composed of six members who shall serve for a period of one year. These members to be: General Secretary, Editor, of the *Journal*, three from the general membership, and the Chairman who shall be a Vice President.

(b) Duties. It shall be the duty of this Committee: To develop and maintain a public relations program for the Association.

To stimulate interest in programs and meetings of local societies and state associations.

To perform other duties assigned by the Board of Trustees.

Article XI. Change existing Section 16, Special Committees to Section 18. Change existing Section 17, Convention Committees, to Section 19.

Article XIII. Repeal Section 3 and substitute the following in lieu thereof: Section 3. Election. There shall be five active members elected each year to serve for a term of two years. One member of the Past Presidents Council and one member of the Board of Trustees shall be represented on the

American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc.

Article XIII. Repeal Section 4 and substitute the following in lieu thereof: Section 4. Eligibility. Only Certified members will be eligible for election or appointment to the American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc. No member may serve on the active membership for more than two terms, consecutive or otherwise.

"Repeal Section 6 of Article IV and substitute the following in lieu thereof: Life Membership shall be granted to those members who have maintained active, continuous membership for a period of twenty-five years. Applications for Life Membership shall be made to the Chairman of the Committee on Life Membership through the state secretaries. Proof of such continuous membership shall accompany application if possible, otherwise the records of Central Office shall be the basis of eligibility. No dues shall be levied on Life Members, and they shall be accorded all the privileges of active membership except a subscription to the *Dental Assistant Journal*. Membership cards of Life Members shall be so identified."

Action taken by the House on all amendments was the following: All amendments were adopted as read with the exception of Article XIII. A motion to change Section 3, Election, by deleting "and one member of the Board of Trustees", carried. Amendment then carried in accordance with the change as voted.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Helen Searles, was asked to read this committee's report. She again read the list of nominees. President Doring opened nominations to the floor. She called for them one at a time for each office, and for members of the Certification Board. There were no further nominations for officers. Lois Kelly of Indiana was nominated for membership on the

Certification Board, and her name was added to the slate.

General Secretary Elma Troutman read the nominations for Trustees in the districts in which the Trustee's term is expiring, as determined by the caucuses of the individual districts. Qualifications of each were read.

First District—Phyllis Jenken, Rhode Island.

Third District—Alicia B. King, Pennsylvania.

Fifth District—Olive Stienbeck, West Virginia.

Sixth District—Laura Willard, Indiana.

The official roll was called on Wednesday morning at 11:30. Balloting began at 12 noon, and the polls remained open until all who were entitled to vote had an opportunity to do so.

Third Session

Called to order by President Doring at 3:25 p.m. The Credentials Committee reported registration at that time to be: 741.

The Chairman of the Certification Board, Corrine Du Buc, reported to the House of Delegates the various matters considered, and action taken, by this Board during their meetings at this convention. A complete report will be published in an early issue of the *Journal*.

Violet Crowley, Editor, *Journal of the American Dental Assistants Association*, read the proposed budget for the publishing of *The Journal* for the year 1956. The report indicated the anticipated income and percentages as allocated to the various anticipated expenses of publishing *The Journal*.

Lillian Hoffman, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee again presented the proposed budget for the General Fund, indicating allocation of percentages also.

Lillian had explained in her previous report that 65% of the income from members' dues is allotted to the General

Fund, and 35% to the *Journal* Fund. The committee, therefore, sets up its distribution of percentages of the General Fund to total 65%, and the *Journal* budget adds to its 35% allotment of dues, the income anticipated from the sale of advertising space, plus outside subscription sales and other income, and sets up its distribution of percentages to total 100%. Lillian Hoffman moved the adoption of the proposed budgets as presented; motion seconded and carried.

The report of the Elections Committee revealed that the following Officers, Trustees and Certification Board Members had been selected by the votes of the officers and members of the House of Delegates:

President-Elect, Mary Francis Dutton, Georgia.

First Vice-President, Magdalene Kulstad, Southern California.

Second Vice-President, Joy Phillips, Arizona.

General Secretary, Elma Troutman, Ohio.

Treasurer, Harriett Darling, South Dakota.

First District Trustee, Phyllis Jenkin, Rhode Island.

Third District Trustee, Alicia B. King, Pennsylvania.

Fifth District Trustee, Olive Steinbeck, West Virginia.

Sixth District Trustee, Laura Willard, Indiana.

Members of the American Dental Assistants Association Certification Board: Rose K. Donohoe (re-elected), Pennsylvania; Vera M. Spies (re-elected), Iowa; Margaret Leedom, Nebraska; Virginia Carpenter, Tennessee; Violet Hansen, Southern California.

There were three candidates for the office of Third Vice-President, and it was announced that no one candidate received a majority of votes (in this case 89 votes were necessary for a majority). According to the ADAA By-Laws, this necessitated rebaloting to select a mem-

ber to the office of Third Vice-President. The polls were declared re-opened for another ballot to be taken immediately following this session. President Doring announced that the result of this balloting would be announced at the Thursday morning session.

Fourth Session

This final session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday by President Doring. The following was the final report of the Credentials Committee: Registered for the meeting were:

Officers, 7; Trustees, 11; Delegates, 163; Alternates, 49; Members, 380; Dentists (guests), 6; Canadian guests, 2; non-members (guests), 123. Total of 741. A new record of attendance!

The General Secretary read a resume of the minutes of the meeting, which were adopted as read.

Nancy Conens, Chairman of Convention Arrangements, gave a report of the convention.

The Chairman of Resolutions Committee, Marion Small, read a long list of names of members, friends and firms who had assisted in arrangements of the meetings. A motion to write letters of thanks to these people carried.

President Doring announced the result of the second ballot taken for the election of a member to fill the office of Third Vice-President as follows: Virginia Hoffman of Pennsylvania received a majority of the votes cast. President Doring then declared the election of those members whose names were read in the Elections Committee report the previous day (as reported in the third session here) plus that of Virginia Hoffman to the various offices for the year 1955-56.

There being no further unfinished or new business the meeting moved on into a no less important, but perhaps a less serious vein. In fact, to a rather joyful and exciting time to which we all look forward.

The Presentation of Awards

The first award to be made this year was the Dr. Clifton G. Ducote Loyal Assistant Trophy. It is awarded to the member of the ADAA present at the annual meeting who submits the longest record of consecutive employment with one employer (provided that she has not previously received this trophy.) A certificate, giving date of original employment, attested by the employer, president and secretary of her local association, and stating that she has been a member of the ADAA for at least two years, having been presented to this committee or the Executive Secretary no later than Monday of the week of the meeting. Past-President, Mary Haney, headed the Committee this year and reported that four records of employment were received. The shortest was a record of 20 years and five months; the longest and the winner of the award was that of Viola Holmes, who had been associated with Dr. Faye Stone of Glendale, California, for 28 years and six months.

A coveted award, the Aloise B. Clement Achievement Trophy, which is awarded to the member who, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees (the board vote was taken by secret ballot) has done the most outstanding work for the ADAA and for dental assistants. President Doring explained that the previous impression that no member was to receive this trophy more than one time was found to be incorrect.

The award went this year to Sadie Hadley of Massachusetts for her outstanding performance as Chairman of the ADAA Committee on Education. Sadie has served as Chairman of this committee for three years, and a tremendous amount of work has been done on our educational program, not only this year but in the previous two years as well. During the months of February and March, 1955, a complete revision of the Study Course

Outline (which now consists of 154 pages) was made. Much ground work has been laid through contacting deans of the dental schools, and the ADA Council on Dental Education regarding future courses in dental assisting. A thorough inspection of schools now sponsoring courses was made. Advice and assistance has been given to local and state schools sponsoring courses and cooperation with the ADAA Certifying Board in regard to examinations has been given. Much work that space will not permit outlining here has been done by this committee, but it is gratifying to know that our educational program, which is our primary object has been so efficiently headed. The awarding of this Trophy to Sadie was our way of expressing our sincere appreciation for her efforts in behalf of the association and its members.

There was a brand new addition to the trophies this year. We had been told about it by Ruth Asp, Chairman of the Clinic and Exhibits Committee, in her article, "Unveiling of a New Trophy" which appeared in the May-June issue of *The Journal*. We knew it was to be the National Association of Medical-Dental Bureaus Award, given by the Medical-Dental Finance Bureaus, and would be awarded to the district which is represented by the greatest number of Clinicians at the convention (pro-rated according to membership). But, we were eager to see the trophy and hear the announcement of the winner. Mr. Paul E. Palmer, representing the National Association of Medical-Dental Bureaus, (a handsome man with a million dollar smile) unveiled this beautiful trophy; the first recipient was the 7th district of the ADAA. Seventh District Trustee, Leveta Lehn, was all smiles, and justly so as she accepted it for her district. Eight clinics were given by members from the district, which has a membership of 651. This

will be a revolving trophy, but each year a small trophy is also given for the district to keep permanently as a memento of this award. Other awards each of which means a thrill for the individual or members of the district, state or local society, receiving them, were the following:

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

First Award Membership Increase, Oral Hygiene Trophy Cup, Hawaii-Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association.

Second Award Membership Increase, Homer B. Robinson Trophy, Colorado Dental Assistants Association.

Third Award Membership Increase, Nye Goodman Gavel Trophy, Alabama Dental Assistants Association.

Fourth Award Membership Increase, A. D. Mizzy Trophy, North Carolina Dental Assistants Association.

Fifth Award Membership Increase, Blue Ribbon, Northern California Dental Assistants Association.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PRIZES

Closing date July 15, 1955

\$25.00 cash to the Association in Class I having the largest percentage of increase. (Class I Associations having less than 50 members at closing date of previous year.)—Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association, Hawaii.

\$50.00 cash to the Association in Class II having the largest percentage of increase. (Class II Associations having 50 to 100 members at closing date of previous year.)—Colorado Dental Assistants Association.

\$75.00 cash to the Association in Class III having the largest percentage of increase. (Class III Associations having 100 to 200 members at closing date of previous year.)—Alabama Dental Assistants Association.

\$100.00 cash to the Association in Class IV having the largest percentage of increase. (Class IV Associations having more than 200 members at closing date of previous year.)—Northern California Dental Assistants Association.

COOPERATION

First Award, Oren Oliver Trophy—Texas Dental Assistants Association.

Second Award, Blue Ribbon—Southern California Dental Assistants Association.

Third Award, Red Ribbon—West Virginia Dental Assistants Association.

SALE OF OUTSIDE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "THE DENTAL ASSISTANT"

First Award, Trophy Cup—Tennessee Dental Assistants Association, 26.

Second Award, \$10.00 check from Journal Fund—Ohio Dental Assistants Association, 24.

POSTER AWARDS

First Award, Henry Fowler D.D.S. Trophy—Southern California Dental Assistants Association.

Second Award, Dee Gold Plaque—Minnesota Dental Assistants Association.

Third Award, Blue Ribbon—Iowa Dental Assistants Association.

Fourth Award, Red Ribbon—Florida Dental Assistants Association.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR BEST PROGRAMS

Best Educational Program for State Associations, \$15.00 check—Florida Dental Assistants Association.

Educational Program for State Association, First Honorable Mention, Blue Ribbon—Washington Dental Assistants Association.

Educational Program for State Association, Second Honorable Mention, Red Ribbon—Pennsylvania Dental Assistants Association.

Best Educational Program for Local Society (not less than six meetings) \$10.00 check—Memphis Dental Assistants Society.

Educational Program for Local Society, First Honorable Mention, Blue Ribbon—Dental Assistants Society, First District, New York.

Educational Program for Local Society, Second Honorable Mention, Red Ribbon—Birmingham Dental Assistants and Hygienists Association.



SPECIAL PRIZE FROM JOURNAL

\$25.00 check to the member who writes the best article of Educational Value to the Assistant and/or for the general welfare of the vocation—Janet Lindenberg of Peoria, Illinois, for her "This Is My Blessing, Not My Doom," which appeared in the May-June issue of *The Journal*.

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE TROPHY

Southern California Dental Assistants Association. Miles traveled 95,000; number of members registered, 97.

PIN COMMITTEE MEMBER AWARD

District in which the largest percentage of pins sold (donated by Kleins)—Tenth District member, Mary Pruitt, Tuscon, Arizona.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

To Trustee in whose district the largest number of new societies has been organized—Eugenia Uttech, 6th District.

PRESENTATION OF TOKENS TO TRUSTEES

WHO HAVE SERVED ONE YEAR

Second District—Gertrude Carhart.

Third District—Virginia Hoffman.

Eighth District—Mae Collins.

Tenth District—Marion Small.

Awarded by Sadie Hadley, Chairman, Past-President's Council:

Past President's Council Trophy—To Ruth Doring.

Past President's Pin and Certificate—Ruth Doring.

This concluded the awarding of the trophies, and we believe the pictures in this issue expresses the feelings of the winners far better than we can find words to do so in this report.

1. Achievement Award Winner: Sadie Hadley with President Doring.
2. All winners together.
3. The unveiling of a new trophy.

Installation of Officers

The ceremony installing the officers was again an impressive one. Past President, Mary Haney, served as Installing Officer, Past President Lillian Hoffman as Conducting Officer, and Past President Mabel Lyon was seated at the Table of Friendship.

Ruth's final official act was a most gracious one indeed; she again expressed her gratitude to the members of the official family who had served so ably during her term of office. She vacated the Chair and was escorted to the Table of Friendship where she remained seated to witness the ceremony of changing of the ADAA's Board of Trustees from the old to the new.

As cameras clicked and flashbulbs flashed all around us we wondered if any lens could really capture the emotion of these moments. Moments which represented beginnings and endings, as memories of past associations meet dreams for the future. As we watched each officer being presented her candle of service, heard the Installing Officer speaking of the various colors of the rays, each symbolic of a virtue or quality which would give her strength and courage to perform her duties the coming year, we said a silent prayer that each who accepted this responsibility would be blessed with health; given divine guidance in all doubts and uncertainties; that the spirit of wisdom would save her from all false choices; and that each heart would be filled with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patient and Godliness.

Surely, everyone present was moved by the feeling that charged these moments during the ceremony which demonstrated a change in personalities and the continuity of organization.

In her first message to the members our new President, Bessie Peterson, ex-



Retiring President, Ruth Doring presents the gavel to our new leader, Bessie Peterson.

pressed an awareness of the responsibility that is hers to carry on the work as outlined for the coming year. She praised the accomplishments of the President who had preceded her; thanked the members for their expression of confidence in electing her to this top position, and pledged her best efforts to warrant this trust and confidence. She told us the theme she has chosen for the coming year is *opportunity*, and reminded us that in the coming year we will have an opportunity to further our education, and to increase our efficiency and loyalty to the association and our vocation. She said, "Dental Assisting is filled with opportunity to be kind and thoughtful of others—there are many goals to attain—*watch for your opportunity.*"

Our Canadian guest, Gladys Cochrane, presented to Bessie the Canadian Dental Nurses and Assistants Pin, and the official pin of the British Dental Nurses Association, which she is privileged to wear during her tenure of office.

Leveta Lehn, Trustee of the ADAA, Seventh District, which is the district including Iowa, Bessie's home state, very cleverly paid tribute to "Princess Bessie" in behalf of her "Papooses" from the district. She did so in a story which began

with "Once upon a time" and ended with the inevitable, "and lived happily ever after."

Corrine Kernes, Alice Eder and the President of the New Jersey Dental Assistants Association extended cordial invitations to the 32nd session which is

to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, October 1-4, 1956. Letters of welcome from the mayor of Atlantic City and the governor of New Jersey were read.

Adjournment time of the 31st annual session was 11:15 a.m., Thursday, October 20.

The Learning-How Sessions

Educational and Scientific

Not all the time during the meeting was devoted to matters pertaining to the administrative affairs of the association, and to the social events. There were two other very important sessions of educational and scientific value.

Wednesday morning delegates and members gathered for a conference of delegates from 9 until 12. There were four sections of the conference, given consecutively, with a moderator in charge. Four excellent papers were read; "Coordination of Officers," by Lillian Hoffman; "Don't Be Afraid of Parliamentary Procedure," by Steve Ann Montgomery; "Know Your By-Laws," by Nita Browning; and "Better Public Relations Through Understanding," by Virginia Hoffman. Mary Francis Dutton served as Moderator. There was a question and answer session in which the delegates participated freely. Much information was made available, and many questions answered that should be of assistance to the members in the work in their various societies throughout the year. These conferences have become a popular part of the programs of the annual sessions.

Another "Learning How" session of importance was the presentation of the Table Clinics. More than 50 table clinics were presented in the Rose Room of the headquarters hotel on Monday, immediately following the first session of the House of Delegates. The room overflowed with assistants, eager to learn more about the various phases of service performed by the dental assistant to the

dentist and the patient. The clinics were all very well presented, and the topics timely and interesting. Twenty of these non-competitive clinics were selected to be presented in conjunction with the ADA table clinics at the civic auditorium on Wednesday morning. Our clinics again this year drew large numbers of doctors, and provided an excellent opportunity to remind them of the important place the assistant fills in the dental office. This year all clinicians were presented a certificate in recognition of their efforts; recognition richly deserved as presenting a table clinic represents a great deal of time, thought, and effort, and is an important part of our educational program.

Thirty posters were on exhibit continuously during all sessions of the House of Delegates. These were competitive and judged by three members of the ADA. (The winners are listed in the report of the Awards Committee, fourth House of Delegates sessions.) The Public Relations Committee had a display of the state and local programs of the various societies on exhibit through the meeting also. From these the delegates could collect ideas for programs in their societies for another year.

The main exhibit of the ADAA was on display in the scientific section of the ADA at the civic auditorium Monday through Thursday. It depicts the role of the dental assistant in the office and the result of her service to the doctor and the patient. Members of the Northern

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and Southern California groups were in charge of the exhibit and reported that it attracted a good bit of interest in the scientific exhibit hall. To the Chairman of the Clinics and Exhibits Committee, Ruth Asp, and the members of her committee go our sincere thanks for another splendid performance this year.

There Were Other Important Board and Council Meetings

THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS CERTIFICATION BOARD, INC.

Perhaps very few at the meeting realize the hours the members of this board spend in meetings during an annual session. This perhaps is the one time during the year that these board members gather to review their program, past, present and future, and to discuss their problems and outline plans for future operation. It requires much serious cerebration to manage the affairs of this board, which has been in existence since 1948 for the purpose of advancing the vocation of dental assisting and elevating the standards of this vocation by providing qualifying examinations for dental assistants upon completion of the 104 Hour Extensions Study Course.

During an annual session many hours are spent in meetings by members of this board discussing matters of its examinations, fees, assets, expenses and all matters pertaining to the board's function. On the surface this may not seem a large task, but you can be sure there is much to be considered, no doubt many complaints and suggestions are received. These are studied and weighed from all





Some members of the Certification Board (Retiring and present).

angles before decisions, which seem the most practical and just, are reached.

The board consists of ten ADAA members elected by the House of Delegates of the ADAA. The board then holds its own annual election to elect five of these members to its active board as directors, and five to its advisory council. The board was headed this year by Corine Dubuc. Serving with her on the directors board was Rose Donohue, Anna Carey, Vera Spies and Dorothy Hodel. The Advisory Council was headed by Eva Miner, and serving with her was Evelyn Brett, Jeanette Reed, Eugenia Uttech, and Betty Macy. The Chairman of the ADAA Committee on Education also serves on the Advisory Council. The result of this board election for the coming year is as follows:

Board of Directors: Corinne Dubuc, Chairman; Rose Donohue, Vice-Chairman; Anna Carey, Secretary-Treasurer; Vera Spies, Eugenia Uttech.

Advisory Council: Betty Macy, Chair-

man; Evelyn Brett, Secretary; Violet Hansen, Virginia Carpenter, Margaret Leedom.

A. D. A. A. ADVISORY COUNCIL

This council consists of all Past Presidents who maintain membership in the ADAA. At the close of her term of office, each President automatically becomes a member of this council. It elects from its members a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Chairman of the Council serves as a member of the ADAA Board of Trustees.

Sadie Hadley served as its Chairman the past year and Mary Haney as its Secretary. Result of the council's election for the coming year: Sadie will serve as the Chairman, and Mary as the Secretary again this year.

At the end of our 31 years of organization 20 members have served the Association as President. (Our founder, Juliette A. Southard served as the first

President and for five successive terms. Her successor, Ruth Rogers, served for four terms; three other Presidents served two year terms. (Only one of the Past Presidents, our founder, is deceased.)

Very few of these members have abandoned their interest in ADAA with the end of their term of office. To this date almost every one has maintained membership and continued to serve when they have been called upon. Many are still engaged in the vocation of dental assisting, and a good number have not missed attending the annual sessions. The attendance record is probably held by our third President, Helen Fitting, who worked with our founder in the organization of the association 31 years ago, and whose service in some capacity has remained unbroken throughout the years. She has attended 28 of the 31 meetings held. We regretted that Helen and some of the other regulars, such as Ruth Rogers, Mildred Rinn, Margaret Sharp and Marie Johnson, were unable to be with us this year. With us, however, were two members of the council who had been absent for several years. Both live out California way, and, I believe, have ceased to be actively engaged in dental assisting. They were Mabel Lyon and Dorothy Burks, our Presidents of the years of 1940 and 1943-44, respectively.

This history of loyalty, service and devotion to an association and its ideals is surely an inspiration to every President as she steps into the role of "First Lady" for the year ahead. Surely she is inspired to put forth every possible effort to live up to this tradition of service, and surely she faces a challenge; that of making her performance one that will not suffer by comparison to those already recorded. Surely she finds a great deal of comfort and strength in the knowledge that this accumulation of experience is ever ready to lend a helping hand should she feel the need of it.

Summing Up The Show

After several days of pecking away on the typewriter; to the best of my ability giving you facts and figures, results of business sessions, and glimpses of the social events and all scenes at the 31st session, the writer of this report feels an urge to end it with a summary which will be from her personal observations. Since the writer is also the editor of your *Journal* she need not fear the death of her efforts via the blue pencil, so here goes . . .

It was a spirited meeting with a record attendance; it provided a splendid educational program, and an opportunity for a large group of women of the same vocation to get together and talk over specific problems and phases of their work. An opportunity for the "regular attenders" to exchange recollections. (Although all of these memories were not of the 1925 vintage, many date back to more than 15 years). It was an opportunity for the "beginners" to learn the importance of the Assistant's role in the dental office, as we heard the speakers, men of high standing in the profession, point out the responsibility we have to the profession. It was an opportunity to learn how we can improve this service through our association. It informed the members of the great amount of work being done by the A.D.A.A. in their behalf.

As we witnessed the happening of business sessions we were aware of the innovations that balanced the theme of yesteryear. We heard reports of efforts from which have come solid results, and the outline of the program for the year to come, which promised still greater results. We saw sound thinking and seriousness of purpose at work. We heard some disarmingly forceful statements of purpose, which should send every member and group out to do their appointed tasks with new determination and enthusiasm.

The Entertainment Calendar

What a schedule of social activity was arranged by the "gals" from the Golden West!

It got off to a wonderful start when 246 members boarded chartered buses at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel on Sunday at 10 a.m. for the tour. The buses moved slowly through the crowded streets of Chinatown in order that we could get a birdseye view of this interesting settlement, its inhabitants and shops. Then to Fisherman's Wharf where after a few minutes of browsing around we were served a delicious seafood luncheon in the Capri Room of Sabella's Restaurant, overlooking the wharf and San Francisco Bay. After the luncheon we headed in the direction of the Golden Gate Bridge and Muir Woods. The trip enroute here took us along a scenic route—we saw Yacht Harbor, Sausalito, the Palace of Fine Arts and many other buildings and spots of scenic beauty. The trip up the mountain-side gave us excellent views of mountain scenery as the big buses moved cautiously around each curve. We stopped at Muir Woods for refreshments, to purchase souvenirs, and, more important, to view the Giant Redwoods that were aged when year one A. D. dawned—the oldest largest living things in the world.

A fear of heights and motion sickness had some of the tourists in not too good condition at times, but the majority seemed to experience one thrill after another as they viewed the various spots of beauty in and around this year's convention city. It was necessary to cut out part of the stops planned on the tour, as tea time at 4 o'clock came all too soon.

The Hostess Society Tea

The scene at the tea was much as we see at every meeting, but one of which

we never tire—uniting and re-uniting of friends—exchanges of greetings and reminiscences.

There was a different and added attraction this year, however, the color and atmosphere added by the Hawaiian delegation. This delegation, headed by Annie Kerr, whom we have missed the last two meetings, was responsible for the beautiful decorations and floral arrangements in Hawaiian theme (all brought from the islands) which filled the room and graced the table, and for the delicious fresh pineapple from the islands we were served. A program of entertainment of Hawaiian music and dancing by the members of the delegation, cast its spell over the 400 who jammed the room for this evening of gaiety, fellowship and fun. This pleasant two hours did much to set the stage for the four enjoyable days that followed.

Members of The Eleventh District Entertained

On Monday evening the members of the eleventh district entertained us with Fiesta De California at the Mart Club, 1355 Market Street. There was a cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 followed by a delicious buffet supper. There was entertainment by the Las Inditas Social Club, Oakland, and the showing of a color film of California, sponsored by the Standard Oil Company, provided glimpses of spots of beauty in this wonderful state. Finally the drawing for the beautiful door prizes. Just about everyone turned out for this evening of entertainment by the district, and what a wonderful evening it was!

Photo credits: Mr. Tom Vano, Clift Hotel, San Francisco, California, with the exception of several scenes at the Tea, which were contributed by Dr. Ross Waltzer of Tulsa, Oklahoma.





Introducing the folks at the head table.

The Banquet

Once again the highlight of the social calendar for the week was the banquet honoring our President, Ruth Doring.

The scene of this banquet was the Garden Court of our headquarters hotel, the Sheraton-Palce, one of the older, but still beautiful, hotels in San Francisco,

and is by its own admission a tradition of elegant hospitality.

Printed on the back of the menu of the banquet was a brief history of the Palace Hotel. It told us that the disaster of 1906 destroyed the original Palace, but like the rest of the city it rose again, on the same corner of the same block where it previously stood. It stated that "architecturally, it was not the same hotel, but the traditions of the old one seem at home in the new courts and corridors—you can sense it everywhere for it is still there, adding its warmth and depth to San Francisco's heritage."

This bit of historical data related the story of an important social event held in the Palace Hotel 80 years ago, and we quote the following from the story:

"It was on an evening in October, 1875, when, at its first important social



Bessie Peterson; the Guest of Honor; and Nancy Conens are all smiles.



event, 200 of California's leading citizens lifted their crystal champagne glasses over the banquet table in a toast to their guest of honor, Lieutenant Phillip H. Sheridan."

As I read this interesting bit of data I doubted that Lieutenant Philip H. Sheridan appeared any more regal, or was any more loved and revered by those 200 people who raised their glasses in toast to him on that evening in October, 1875, than was our President Ruth Doring by the 500 people who gathered in the same Garden Court of the Palace Hotel that evening in October, 1955, to honor and pay tribute to her, our First Lady of the ADAA for the year. A list of the names of the people who gathered for this banquet might not be considered as imposing as was that one of 80 years ago, but one thing certain, the sincerity of feeling and purpose of this group was of no lesser degree or depth.

Seated at the table of honor was Ruth, in her queenly manner; Dr. W. A. Giblin,

with whom she is associated; her staff of officers; the chairman of banquet arrangements, Virginia Meiger; and other honored invited guests, 17 in number.

Virginia's gracious introduction of the people at the head table was climaxed by the introduction of the guest of honor. Then the surprise announcement, "This Is Your Life Ruth Doring." The story of



This is Your Life, Ruth Doring.

Ruth's life told us that she was the only child born to the Doring family of Montclair, N. J.; that she had attended high school in Montclair, and upon graduation had sought and found employment in a Montclair bank. Two years later she left the bank to become associated with Dr. Giblin, where we find her still employed now some 27 years later. We also learned that she joined the American Dental Assistants Association in 1928 and has been an active and valuable member since her affiliation. She has filled many offices in her local and state societies, and was welcomed into the ADAA official family in 1946 as the Trustee of second district. She was elected to the office of Second Vice-President of the ADAA in 1952; elevated to the office of President-elect in 1953; and installed as President at the Miami meeting in 1954. Travelling is her hobby, she has been in 40 states in the union, this was her third trip to San

Francisco, once by boat, once by bus and once by air. Her favorite means of travel is via freighter. After Virginia presented Ruth the book of her life, and a huge bouquet of what seemed to be dozens and dozens of red rosebuds, Nancy Conens, Chairman of Convention Arrangements, paid tribute to her in song, and Paul Faria's ten-piece orchestra struck the first notes of a medley of Ruth's favorite dancing music.

The program ended with the introduction of Annie Kerr from Hawaii, who again presented her gifts of love, the beautiful orchid leis, to the officers and invited guests and some special friends in the audience. The orchestra played for dancing until 12 o'clock, when our Queen for the evening was escorted from the Grand Court of the Palace Hotel, no doubt a bit weary, but surely happier and richer for the memories of the wonderful banquet given in her honor.

A.D.A.A. NEWS ITEMS

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ADAA dues for 1956 memberships are now being accepted.

STATE OFFICERS—please study the Manual of Operations which was sent to all States Presidents and State Secretaries in July. Familiarity with the instructions concerning your duties will save correspondence.

A copy of the brochure "Instructions to Local Society Officers" has recently been sent to each Local Society Secretary—The Presidents received their copies in July.

ADAA Extension Study Course Outlines may be obtained from Central Office. The price is \$1.50 per copy. Please send remittance with order.

Most of the pictures you see in this issue were made by the photographer who was employed by the San Francisco society to cover this meeting. He is Mr. Tom Vano, Clift Hotel, San Francisco, California. We found his services most satisfactory; he is thoroughly reliable and his work and service excellent. Anyone wishing to order duplicates of pictures made during the meeting may send their orders, by number, directly to him at the above mentioned address. The price of the pictures (8 x 10 glossy prints) are \$2.00 each. Please enclose check or money order with your order.

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EDITORIAL

YESTERDAY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS—TOMORROW'S CHALLENGE

By ALBERTA CLINITE,
Contributing Editor

Already the thirty-first annual convention of the American Dental Assistants Association has become a long in the chain of YESTERDAY'S accomplishments. Year by year through the diligent effort of officers and members great progress has been made. In grateful appreciation we remember those first fine members whose vision made possible our Association of TODAY. Their generous gifts of time and talent, and their continued interest and loyalty have been a balance wheel of experience to steady enthusiastic steps forward. Let us then pause in tribute to the officers and members of the American Dental Assistants Association, of the past, and of the present, whose hard work, loyalty, and cordial friendship has made the bond between dental assistants a lasting, living thing.

Again new personalities guide us. Their gift of time and effort can only be matched by an enthusiastic membership, each member willing to pull her share of the load, and do her part to insure success for the year.

Some one once said, "If you THINK something can't be done, you're probably right and you'll have no trouble proving it. But if you think it CAN be done, you're probably just as right, and you can prove that also. The only difference is, it might take a little trouble to do it."

Knowing that the program for 1955-1956 as outlined by our new officers CAN be accomplished, let each of us contribute a fair share of personal effort. Only by so doing will TOMORROW grow into a TODAY and a YESTERDAY of which we may each be proud.

Changes In The Directory Of ADAA Officers

NEW SOCIETIES

- PENNSYLVANIA—Lancaster County DAA—President, Grace Campbell, 44 S. Marshall St., Sec.-Treas., Josie Goodling, 39 W. Market St., Marietta, Penna.
 WISCONSIN—Wausau DAS—President, Betty Moate, 410 Mayer-Lotz Bldg., Wausau; Sec., Shirley Geurink, 515 Scott St., Central School Bldg., Wausau.

CHANGES OF OFFICERS

- ARIZONA—Tucson DAA—President, Kay Sayre, 608 N. Treat, Tucson.
 COLORADO—Boulder DAA—President, Avellee Timken, 1412 Elder, Boulder; Sec.-Treas., Juanda Olsen, 555 University Ave., Boulder.
 COLORADO—Colorado Springs DAA—President, Loma Meeds, 303 N. Weber, Colorado Springs; Sec.-Treas., Genelle Russell, 2526 N. Bonfoy, Colorado Springs.
 COLORADO—Denver DAA—President, LaVonne Shank, 358 Metropolitan Bldg.
 IDAHO—Southwestern Idaho Dist. DAA—President, Ilene Jensen, 305 Fort St., Boise.
 IOWA—Ames-Boone DAA—President, Kay Fisher, 703 8th Street, Bonne, Iowa; Sec.-Treas., Blanche Bixler, 1301 Crescent, Ames, Iowa.
 IOWA—Fort Dodge Dist. DAA—President, Juanita McHugh, 1220½ Central Ave., Fort Dodge; Sec., Evelyn Cooper, Box 31, Humboldt.
 IOWA—Northwest Dist. DAA—President, Nelvine Scholton, Alton, Iowa; Rec. Sec., Lucille Wert, 1308 Nebraska St., Sioux City, Iowa.
 IOWA—Southwest Dist. DAA—President, Grace Krohn, Atlantic, Iowa; Sec., Beverly Rabe, 800 West 6th, Atlantic, Iowa.
 MASSACHUSETTS—Merrimac Valley Dist. DAA—President, Edna Bixby, 29 Waverly Rd. No. Andover; Sec., Betty Di Lavore, 24 Bates St., Methuen, Mass.
 MASSACHUSETTS—Metropolitan Dist. DAA—Secretary, Eunice Sandler, 9 Coburn St., Malden, Mass.
 MASSACHUSETTS—North Shore Dist. DAA—President, Frances Marie, 21 Springvale Ave., Lynn, Mass.; Sec., Mary Wiley, 682 Summer St., Lynn, Mass.
 MASSACHUSETTS—Southeastern Dist. DAA—President, Louretta Beaugard, 193 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford; Sec., Dorothy Blanchard, 56 Ashley St., N. Bedford.

MASSACHUSETTS—Valley Dist. DAA—Secretary, Jean Moles, 306 Liberty St., Springfield.

MASSACHUSETTS—Worcester Dist. DAA—President, Leona Nejaimy, 50 Elm St., Worcester.

MINNESOTA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—President, Helen Tucker, 1004 Marion St.; Sec., Patricia McDonell, 1267 Palace Ave., St. Paul.

NEBRASKA—West Nebraska DAA—President, Wanda Conger, 1314 18th Ave., Mitchell; Sec., Joyce Blythe, 1025 "T" St., Gering.

PENNSYLVANIA—Lehigh Valley DAA—President, Joan Quain, 135 S. 17th St., Allentown; Sec., Jane D. Sell, 525 Chestnut St., Emmaus.

PENNSYLVANIA—Philadelphia Association of DA—President, Ruth Hanna, 102 W. Nedro Ave., Philadelphia; Rec. Sec., Eleanor Hall, 1421 S. 9th St., Philadelphia.

TENNESSEE—Chattanooga DAA—Secretary, Helen Robinson, 2305 Bailey Ave., Chattanooga.

TENNESSEE—Second Dist. DAS—Secretary, Sue Tipton, 705 Nineteenth St. S. W., Knoxville, Tenn.

WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—Secretary, Leona Huntley, 1604 Medical Dental Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash.

WEST VIRGINIA—Blennerhassett DAS—President, Mary Wagner, Box 213, St. Marys; Sec., Anna Winland, 2503 23rd St., Parkersburg.

WISCONSIN—Green Bay DAA—President, Janet Nelson Hyd, 506 George St., De Pere, Wis.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE DENTAL ASSTS. ASSN.—Secretary, Olive Houck, 224 E. 11th Ave., Conshohocken, Penna.

CHANGE OF NAME OF SOCIETY

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—The name of the Contra Costa Dental Assistants Association has been changed to the Richmond Dental Assistants Association.

Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED



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"To the artist the falling leaf . . . is a thing of beauty; to the small boy whose chore it is to rake the garden, it is only a nuisance; to the chemist it represents a marvelous achievement that he could not duplicate in his laboratory . . . ; and to the food economist . . . every brilliant red and every rich brown represents a waste of saccharine that . . . would be sufficient to sweeten the coffee of all the world."

—Author Unknown

Can you apply the autumn leaf and its lessons to yourself? Can you recognize the beauty, the labor, the mystery and the sustenance of your daily life—and welcome them? Autumn—Thanksgiving—winter—Christmas—they are the exhilarating, the exuberant, the joyful seasons of renewed vigor, inspired effort and great happiness. Open wide your hearts and invite in the world! God bless you, every one.

FIRST DISTRICT

News from New Hampshire

Ruth Gordon, Publicity Chairman for the New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association, writes of the active and productive year ahead for New Hampshire dental assistants with clinics, guest speakers and another Certification Course on the schedule. The September meeting was held in the offices of Dr. Robinson C. Frost, Manchester, N. H., when the planning of the year's meetings, appointment of committees and the reading of summer reports were the order of business. The October meeting will be held in the offices of Dr. Everett Nealy, Exeter, N. H. Good luck, girls, and let us hear from you.

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

September 24 was the date, Essex House Hotel in Newark, N. J., was the place and the Dental Assistants Society of the First District of New York, Inc., was the hostess for the lovely Banquet honoring ADAA President Ruth Doring. Robina McMurdo, assisted by Corinne Kernes, was responsible for the success of this beautifully appointed affair.

The October meeting of this group was held in the Statler Hotel and featured the capping service for the entire Fifth Extension Course class. Dr. Saklad presided at the capping ceremony and Dr. William Curran, President, First District Dental Society, brought greetings to the graduates. On display at this meeting was a wealth of new library material and a collection of "Letters to Patients." The November meeting was held at the Statler Hotel with a pre-meeting clinic entitled "Our Future Insurance." The December meeting will be held in the Keystone Room of the Statler Hotel and will feature an all-clinic program. Honored guests at this meeting will include ADAA Immediate Past President Ruth Doring, New York State President Catherine Manilla, both bringing greetings, and guest speaker Dr. Michael S. Burnham, President-elect of the First District Dental Society.

Lee M. Taras, perennial Publicity Chairman for the New York State Dental Assistant Association, reports on the October meeting of the Dental Assistants Study Club of the Second District. It was held in the Second District Dental Society Headquarters, Brooklyn, and presented guest speaker Dr. Robert M. Haynes, Podiatrist-Chiropractor, with his lecture on "Your Feet Personality and You." The 1955-56 Extension Study Course of this group is under way under the supervision of Chairman Bea Gindea and all interested girls are urged to register now. Classes scheduled for November are "Office Procedure," "Terminology-Orientation," "Dental Economics," "Records and Bookkeeping," "Care of Office and Equipment" and "Preparation of Patient." These lectures are under the direct supervision of Dr. A. G. Wagner, Chairman, Second District Dental Society. The regular November meet-

ing of this society will be in charge of President Bernadine Brekka.

The October meeting of the Elmira Dental Assistants Society brought the election of new officers. The November meeting of this group will take the form of a planning session when the program for the entire year's activities will be completed. Contact Phyllis Conklin, 523 W. Church St., Elmira, N. Y., for details.

The Richmond County Dental Assistants Society opened its fall program in October with the beginning of its Extension Study Course. The November meeting of this group presented guest speaker Dr. S. M. Mandell with his lecture on "The Dental Assistant's Efficiency in the Dental Office." For details on the Certification Course and future meetings, contact Iris Poller, 76 Beach Street, Staten Island, N. Y.

The Suffolk County Dental Assistants Society, a newly-organized society and deserving our best wishes for success and continued growth, held its November meeting at the Huntington YMCA when Dr. J. G. O'Connor spoke on the "Role of the Dental Assistant in Oral Surgery." Mrs. B. H. Richter, Reporter, urges all dental assistants in the area to join this group.

The Buffalo Dental Assistants Society held its October meeting at the Auditorium of the Williams Gold Refining Co. with President Bernice Clark in charge.

The Nassau County Dental Assistants Society opened its fall meetings at the 10th District Dental Society Headquarters, Rockville Centre, Long Island, in November with a big membership drive and President Betty Belzer issued an invitation to all local dental assistants to join this group.

Credit must be given to the New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association members, as hostesses, to Corinne Kernes, President of Essex County Dental Assistants Society, as program chairman and mistress of ceremonies and all the component societies for their contribution to the success of the banquet honoring ADAA President Ruth Doring. The Essex County Society opened its fall meeting in September with an excellent and instructive clinic entitled "Dentistry in the Elementary Schools" given by Dr. Arthur W. Conway, Jr. The October meeting of this group brought another clinic—this one entitled "Why Bother With Books?" and presented in an unusual and provocative way by Librarian Helen Taylor.

THIRD DISTRICT *News from Ohio*

Blanche Langan reports that the Northwestern Ohio Dental Assistants Society has embarked upon its first Certification Course and proffers its thanks to the 21 members of the Northwestern Ohio Dental Society serving as instructors for giving their time and effort

in this project. They include Dr. H. F. Webb with "Ethics" and "Carvings and Drawings," Dr. D. W. Brattain with "Care of Office and Equipment," Dr. H. E. Koch, Dr. D. W. Kesler and Dr. J. W. Crawford with "Dental Office Management," Dr. R. D. Brunk and Dr. J. A. Zink with "Chair Assisting," Dr. G. W. Ott with "Anatomy," Dr. J. W. Winkler with "Pathology," Dr. J. W. Diamond, Dr. R. S. Buchanan and Dr. C. B. Quinlan with "Anesthesia," Dr. S. D. Goldman, Dr. E. L. Herod with "Bacteriology and Sterilization," Dr. R. E. Skinner and Dr. T. J. Brown with "Dental Roentgenology," Dr. J. P. Kennedy and Dr. F. G. Fugazzi with "Oral Hygiene and Pedodontics," Dr. R. C. Blackburn with "Diet and Nutrition," Dr. H. E. Lauer with "Orthodontics and Pharmacology," Dr. D. L. Sabroske with "First Aid" and Mr. Richard Redd with "Making Base Plates, Bites, Inlays and Crowns."

Eula Forgatch, State Publicity Chairman, reports on the opening of fall programs in several societies. The Keely Dental Assistants Society opened its September meeting with table clinics entitled "Personal Appearance in the Dental Office" by Anne Arkill and "Hydrocolloids" by Leona Oblesby. The speaker for the evening was Dr. Stanley K. Norman who spoke on "Hypnosis in Dental Practice." Bernadine Kraus, R. N., and Mary Ann Gadd, R. N., were welcomed and inducted into membership in the society. The October meeting was an interesting one when the members heard the detailed report of Dorothy Zimmerman and Bunny Gambrell on the Queen City Dental Seminar Study Group held in Cincinnati in September. This seminar was conducted by Miss G. Archanna Morrison and covered "Dental Office Administration and the Dental Aspects of Human Relations." The pre-meeting table clinics were "X-ray Development" by Bunny Gambrell and "Diet Nutrition" by Frances Young.

The Cincinnati Dental Assistants Society started its new Certification Class in September at the office of Dr. Applegate with 27 girls enrolled.

The Northeastern Dental Assistants Society opened its fall program with a dinner meeting honoring the doctors.

The Akron Dental Assistants Society began its new Certification Class in September with 23 girls enrolled. Lillian Hoffman has charge of this project and urges interested dental assistants to contact her for details. The regular September meeting of this group presented guest speaker Dr. Robert B. Jones, Painesville, Ohio, with "First Aid in Dentistry." A tour of the Summit County Rehabilitation Center, Akron, late in September was designed to enlighten the membership on what is being done for the blind, deaf, cerebral palsied and other handicapped people. The October

meeting of this society invited all dental assistants in the Akron area to attend. Guest speaker Dr. Joseph Ewing presented his fine lecture on "Plastic Surgery" and the meeting closed with an exhibition of members' posters with the winning poster scheduled for competition in the State Meeting in November.

The North Central Dental Assistants Society opened its fall program with an interesting meeting in September at which time its President, Wanda Brand, reviewed Miss G. Archanna Morrison's book "In The Dental Office." This group is proud to announce the reception of four new members during the summer months and is continuing its efforts to increase its membership. The North Central girls were guests at the September meeting of the North Central Dental Society held in the Hotel Fremont.

The Stark County Dental Assistants Society opened its fall meetings with a "Do-It-Yourself" TV Show under the direction of Alberta Reed and presenting four phases of member-participation in association activities. Rose Perez read her paper entitled "For Love Of America" as the practical example of "How To Write A Paper." Mildred Schworm and Kathleen Evans presented a clinic entitled "Miss Pro and Miss Con" as the visual demonstration on "How To Give A Clinic." Alberta Reed presented the practical examples on "How To Make A Poster" and "How To Be A Delegate." Announcement was made of the beginning of the fifth Certification Class with 17 members enrolled and under the supervision of Beverly Gallon and Doris Glass. The fourth Certification Class has completed its course and will sit for State Examinations in Cleveland, Ohio, in November. The meeting closed with a showing of the film covering the 30th Annual Convention held in Miami last November. The October meeting was held in Massillon, Ohio, and took the form of a conducted tour and lecture held in the offices of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. with Mr. M. Bevere, Manager, and Mrs. J. A. Cherony in charge. Following the program, a short business meeting including instructions to the delegates to the Ohio State Convention in Cleveland in November was held. The November meeting will be held at the St. Francis Hotel in Canton with guest speaker Virginia Unkefer, R. N., presenting her lecture on "Home Nursing."

News from Pennsylvania

The Philadelphia Dental Assistants Society recently installed its new officers at an impressive candlelight ceremony with Helen Fitting serving as Installing Officer, Olive Houck as Conducting Officer and with Stella Coper presiding at the Table of Friendship. The fall meetings of this group opened in September at the Evans Dental Institute with an invitation to all Philadelphia dental assist-

ants to attend. A round table discussion covering "Your Suggestions, Tips and Gripes" was the subject of the program. State Delegates Stella Coper and Retra Amatucci read their fine and detailed reports on the recent State Meeting.

News from Maryland

"Welcome" to the new but very earnest Pat Taliaferro, Reporter, for the Baltimore City Dental Assistants Society. This group opened its fall program with a dinner meeting at the Elks Club, followed by the traditional Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party. It was a double celebration since it was the 5th anniversary as a society for the Baltimore group. Announcement was made that the Extension Study Course was again under way. The October meeting presented guest speaker Dr. Harold Weinberg with his interesting and challenging lecture on "Hypnosis in Medicine and Dentistry."

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Louisiana

Welcome again to Marie Richardson, Publicity Chairman for the Louisiana State Dental Assistants Association. She writes of the recent meeting of the Baton Rouge Dental Assistants Society when it installed its new officers at the traditional candlelight ceremony.

The big news from the Shreveport Dental Assistants Society was a capping service conducted for the 7 dental assistants who completed the certification course and passed the examination. It was a dinner meeting held in the Colonial Room of the Caddo Hotel, followed by the candlelight service with Dr. W. I. Simmons presenting the caps and certificates. Guest speaker Dr. J. Garnett Yearwood brought an interesting address and honored guests included the local dentists, members from the Veterans Hospital at Barksdale and representatives of dental supply houses. The girls receiving caps and certificates were Eva Jones, Paula Nickels, Frances Fox, Jo Norwood, Lillian Ginn, June Roberson and Marie Richardson.

Our warmest welcome and best wishes go to the newly organized Lake Charles Dental Assistants Society. Let us hear about your activities.

News from Mississippi

Hurrah and hurrah! We have heard from Mississippi! Ruth Graham, newly elected President of the Mississippi State Dental Assistants Association, describes the traditional candlelight service held in Jackson, Miss., when the new officers were installed and the lovely capping ceremony which honored the first dental assistant in Mississippi to pass their Certification Examination. They were Mattie Alice Page, Emma Randall, June Vinsant and Belle McInnis, all of Gulfport, Miss. Honored guests at this meeting included Malvina Cueria, 4th District Trustee, and Viola Stone, Chairman

ADAA Membership Committee. The Mississippi girls are waiting now with bated breath to hear if the 6 girls from Jackson and 3 from Laurel passed their Certification Examination.

News from Alabama

The Alabama dental assistants, for the most part, continued their meetings throughout the summer and their State Public Relations Chairman Lorraine Glausier reports on these activities. The Fifth District Dental Assistants Society held its July dinner meeting at Jake's Steak House, Anniston, Ala., guest speaker Aubara Liveoak presenting an interesting talk on "Methods of Sterilization." The August meeting of this group was held in Gadsden, Ala., with dental assistants from the Gadsden area as guests and "Join Our Association" as its theme.

The Cullman Dental Assistants Society extends a hearty welcome to new members Susie Nix and Dor Bryant and a "welcome back" to member Betty Mangum and congratulations to member Emma Lou Turned who was crowned "Maid of Cotton." Congratulations also are in order for their two new hygienists, Joyce Thomas and Ethelene Robinson.

The Dothan Dental Assistants Society announces that its Certification Course is well under way and that 8 classes have now been completed. The August meeting of this group presented Dr. H. A. Hicks with his interesting and informative lecture on "The Skull and Its Bones."

The Mobile Dental Assistants Society announces its Certification Course is making excellent progress and its last two lectures were conducted by Dr. Ray with his talks on "X-ray." This group welcomes new member Esteen McHugh and expresses appreciation to members Mary Banks and Joyce Aspinwall for their contribution to the publicity secured in the Mobile Press on the Children's Dental Clinic. The last meeting of this group presented a representative of the Merle Norman Studio with an informative talk and demonstration on "Proper Use of Cosmetics." The September meeting will take the form of a Fund Raising Party for the benefit of the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund and the Mobile Delegates' Fund.

The Birmingham Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting in July when Dr. George Graham presented his lecture on "Endodontia" covering the history, instruments, techniques and materials used and illustrated his talk with slides. Another feature of this meeting was the talk given on "Nutritional Deficiencies We Can Observe In The Mouth" by member Mrs. E. E. Lackey. Congratulations were extended to Aleen Wallser, Margaret Berry and Harriet Harper for successfully passing the Board Examination for Dental Hy-

giene. The August meeting of this group took the form of a panel discussion on the subject "The Care of Dental Office and Equipment." Members Vallie Stewart, Jean Pope and Grace Browning presented talks on various phases of this subject. Honorary Member Dr. Polly Ayers presented her talk on "Care of the Dark Room." An exchange of ideas and suggestions by all members followed the program. Education Committee Chairman Dot Simmons announced that 20 members have signed up for the First Aid Course. A hearty welcome was extended to new members Evelyn Harris, Helen Sperrin, Peggy Boyd, Ruby Sisson and Mary Odum.

The Alabama State Dental Assistants Association is deservedly proud of its members who have now joined the ranks of the certified dental assistants. They are Bess Amon, Ottie Helms and Christina Pittman of Montgomery, Onzalee Blatzer, Agnes DeShazo, Abbie Pryor, Dorothy Simmons, Vallie Bell Stewart and Iva Underwood of Birmingham, Lois Nafel Conner of Bessemer, Alene Zigler of Elba and Jean Coleman, Mary Hughes Durden, Betsy McCaskey, Mercedes Williams and Elizabeth McLain of Mobile.

News from Florida

Josephine Valles is the competent Reporter for the Tampa Dental Assistants Society and writes of the successful joint meeting of the Tampa society and the St. Petersburg Dental Assistants Society held in Tampa at the L. M. Anderson Auditorium. Films of the 30th National Meeting in Miami, the Certification Ceremony for the Tampa group and of the X-ray program held at the Florida State Fair were features of the evening. The last meeting of this group featured the presentation of two films on "Civil Defense" followed by an informative talk by Major Seeggar of MacDill Field.

The irrepressible Betty Macy sends along "Miami Mutterings" and her promise to "see ya in 'Frisco". The August meeting of the Miami District Dental Assistants Society was held at the Robert Clay Hotel. In the absence of the president, Vice President Bobbie Oxar presided at the business meeting. A capping ceremony, with Dr. W. W. Whetstone and Ginny Lockwood in charge, was held as cap and certificate were presented to Annie Hamilton. The program for the evening took the form of an open forum with the discussion centering on "Promotion of Better Membership Drives." The September meeting of this group was held again at the Robert Clay Hotel. Action was taken on the Proposed Amendments to the ADAA By-laws and the balance of the program was devoted to "Our Constitution and By-laws" as presented by Maria Bothen.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Illinois

Janet Lindenberg, State Publicity Chairman, reports that the Chicago Dental Assistants Society has scheduled its November meeting in the Conference Room of the Pittsfield Bldg. with the President of the Chicago Dental Society, Dr. G. W. Solfronk, as guest speaker. Dr. Solfronk will present his lecture on "Practice Management." The 5th Extension Study Course has now started with a large enrollment.

The North Side dental assistants have planned a field trip for November when the members will tour the Abbot Laboratories in North Chicago and be luncheon guests of the laboratories.

The West Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society will present guest speaker Mr. William Schach, representative of the First National Bank of Chicago, at its November meeting. Mr. Schach will present his talk on "The Dental Budget Plan of the Chicago Dental Society."

The Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society proudly announces it has completed 34 sessions of its Certification Course and is working hard to complete its course.

The Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society plans an ambitious meeting for November at the Soangetaha Country Club, Galesburg, Ill., when dental assistants from Monmouth, Galesburg, Galva and Kewanee will be the invited guests. President Betty Carlson will present her talk on "The Advantages of ADAA Membership."

The Peoria Dental Assistants Society held its November meeting at the University Club and presented guest speaker Mr. Sigmund Knight of the Getz Corporation, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Knight selected as his topic "The Technical Side of Dental Assisting." Mr. Knight addresses classes annually at the Iowa and Minnesota Universities.

The McLean County Dental Assistants Society will present Mr. J. A. Lewison of the Atlas Dental Supply Company as guest speaker at its November meeting. His subject will be "Radiation and How It Affects Us."

The November meeting of the Rock Island Dental Assistants Society is the time when its members entertain their doctors and all prospective members at dinner.

News from Michigan

The Detroit Dental Assistants Society opened its fall activities with a Juliette A. Southard Birthday Tea in September. The regular October meeting presented guest speaker Dr. A. L. Rehfield with his lecture on "Oral Surgery and the Dental Assistant." October also was the date of "Doctors' Night" when the assistants and the doctors met together. Early November brings the meeting for preparing plans for the Detroit District Dental Revue

and, on Nov. 28 and 29, the presentation of this Gala Revue at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel.

News from Indiana

Mary Ann Fischer, Publicity Chairman for the Western Indiana Dental Assistants Society, writes that the September meeting of this society was held in the home of President Jackie Hughes with the regular business meeting and the showing of the film of the National Meeting in Miami, Fla., the order of the evening. The members of this society, along with the doctors, enjoyed the opportunity of attending the lectures presented by G. Archanna Morrison in September on "Dental Office Administration and the Aspects of Human Relations." Miss Morrison was presented under the sponsorship of the Western Indiana Dentists.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

News from North Dakota

It is with regret that we hear from Ellen Welch for the last time. She has been the faithful reporter for the Grand Forks Dental Assistants Society, Grand Forks, N. Dak. The first of the fall meetings of this society was held in September in Dr. N. Simmons' office when final plans for the rummage sale were completed and election of new officers was held.

News from South Dakota

The Sioux Falls Study Club opened its fall session with a dinner meeting at the YMCA in September. Honored guests at this meeting included Rachel White, State President, and Ione Powell, State Secretary-Treasurer. This group held a Membership Tea at the TWCA in October when all dental assistants of Sioux Falls and the surrounding area were invited.

The South Dakota Dental Assistants Association held its fall Board Meeting in the Charles Gurney Hotel, Yankton, S. Dak., when plans for the year ahead and particularly the State Meeting scheduled for May, 1956, were the order of business.

News from Minnesota

The Minnesota Dental Hygienists and Assistants Association held its 4th Annual Dental Assistants Day in September and it turned out to be the most successful program ever presented. The meeting opened with a Friendship Luncheon followed by special lectures, including "Only A Dental Assistant" by Delilah Corbul of Renville, "Ethics" by Dr. Jay J. Nicol of Minneapolis and "Talking Dentistry" by Marjorie Fountain of Minneapolis. A fine program of clinics followed the lectures.

The Minneapolis District Dental Assistants Society opened its fall program in September with a fine program, illustrated with a film, on "Cancer of the Mouth." In October, this group enjoyed a conducted tour of the Westlund Dental Studio and observed how jacket crowns are made. (Continued on Page 52)

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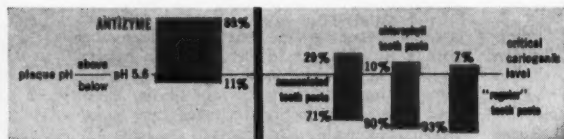
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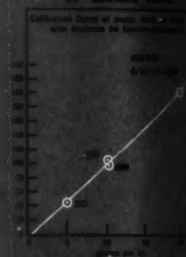


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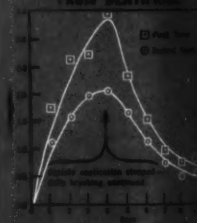
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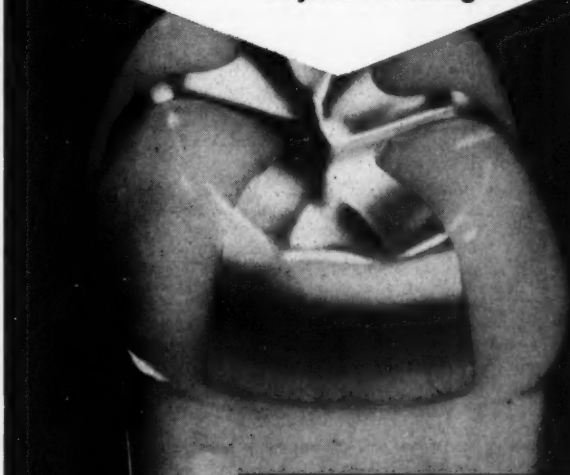
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News from Nebraska

The West District Dental Assistants Society presented a stimulating program at its August meeting when guest speaker Dr. A. B. DeCastro of Hay Springs brought an interesting lecture on "Implant Dentures." Dr. DeCastro was assisted in his presentation by Ellen Brotherson, his dental assistant, and Mrs. George Barker, his implant patient. It was announced that Pat Staikoff would attend the National Meeting in San Francisco as Alternate Delegate for Nebraska where she will present her clinic entitled "Cleaning Handpieces."

News from Iowa

Lucille R. Theis, Associate Editor of "The Plugger," sends us news from her area. The recent Membership Contest closed in July and Iowa proudly exults in winning the 7th District Membership Trophy for 1955. The membership now totals a record high of 259 and they are striving for 300 in 1956. Iowa expresses its great pride in the fact that its own Bessie Peterson was installed as President of ADAA at the National Meeting in San Francisco. The 33rd Annual Convention of the North West District Dental Assistants Association was held at the Martin Hotel, Sioux City, Ia., in September. A splendid program of lectures, clinics, posters and entertainment benefited those in attendance. This fine meeting was in charge of Nelvina Sholter, Anganetta Lindsay and Barbara Wilch.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Arkansas

Mary Lamb, President of the Arkansas State Dental Assistants Association, reports on activities in Arkansas. The Northwest Dental Assistants Society opened its fall season with the beginning of its Certification Course with 14 members enrolled. This is Arkansas' newest society and deserves the encouragement and plaudits of all of us for the fine progress they are making.

The Little Rock Dental Assistants Society has its Certification Course under way with 12 members enrolled. The September meeting of this group featured the ever-lovely candlelight ceremony for the installation of new officers with Marie Reiter serving as Installing Officer and Mary Lamb as Conducting Officer. Plans are well under way to start a Certification Course for the Fort Smith Dental Assistants Society.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Washington

June Jones, President of the Olympic Peninsula Dental Assistants Society, writes that her society opened its fall program with a dinner meeting in the Harringtons Dining Room. Honored guest at this meeting was 9th District Trustee Lois Kryger. A fund-raising project providing the funds for the Dental Health Education Program in the local schools is sponsored by this group. They will provide

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Ethel Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer for the Yakima Valley Dental Assistants Society, describes the lovely dinner meeting held at the Airport Chateau in honor of the doctors. This meeting also featured the beautiful ceremony for the installation of new officers with Dr. Melvin Carlson, President of the Yakima Dental Society, presiding. Another honored guest at this meeting was Dr. William Clark, long-time supporter and advisor to the Yakima girls. An honorary membership certificate and a pair of cuff links bearing the ADAA emblem were presented to Dr. Clark by outgoing President Marlene Durrett Lunceford as an expression of gratitude and affection.

TENTH DISTRICT *News from Texas*

The Houston District Dental Assistants Society held its annual Mid-summer Get-together in July with Roberta Young, Ways and Means Chairman as hostess. A buffet supper and get-acquainted conversation was the order of the day.

The Fort Worth Dental Assistants Society opened its fall activities with a reception honoring its doctors and their wives, and featuring the selection of "Miss Dental Assistant."

The San Antonio Dental Assistants Society began its fall meetings in September at the Gunter Hotel when Dr. Roy A. Velinder, President of the San Antonio Dental Society, was the guest speaker. This meeting closed with a general business session and a discussion of the local constitution and by-laws. It was announced that the winners of the July Clinic Trophies were Helen Watson with "First, Second and Third Impressions of the Dental Office" in first place and June Mercer with "Beading and Bosing" in second place. The regular December meeting will be held in the Gunter Hotel and will feature the traditional candlelight service for the installation of new officers with Val Beyer in charge of the ceremony. State President Dorothy Faulk attended the Mid-year State Board Meeting held in Fort Worth in September when plans for the 1956 State Meeting were the order of business. Dorothy Faulk made another trip recently—this time to meet with the newly organized Waco Dental Assistants Society.

Louise Culp, Publicity Chairman for the Wichita Falls Dental Assistants Society, reports proudly that four members have passed the Certification Examination, namely Rose Choate, Reba Teakell, Francine McCorkle and Louise Culp. This group has its Certification Course well under way with 7 members enrolled.

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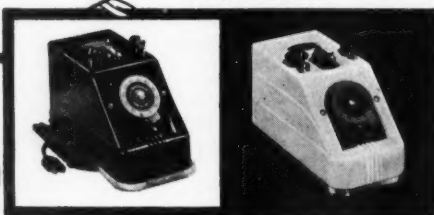


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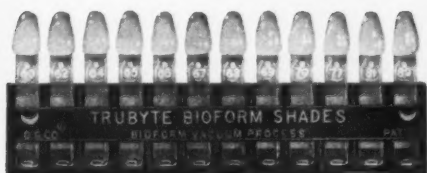
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